

# New England Organ Bank

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Mrs. Dianne LePage  
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Dear Mrs. LePage,

On behalf of the New England Organ Bank, I would like to extend to you and your family our deepest sympathy on the death of your husband, Allan. I would like to express my gratitude to you for thinking of others at a very difficult time. In such a time of loss and grief, you and your family were able to reach out to others. I would like to take this opportunity to inform you about the outcome of your generosity.

Allan's left kidney was transplanted into a 69-year-old woman with kidney disease. The kidney began functioning immediately and this recipient is doing well post-transplant. She is now retired from the jewelry business and has been married for 30 years. She enjoys going to church and attending family gatherings. She is grateful for this gift.

Allan's right kidney was transplanted into a 71-year-old gentleman who is also doing well post-transplant. He is retired and is widowed, although has a significant other of six years. This gentleman has six children, three sons and three daughters, as well as five granddaughters. He enjoys spending time down at the Cape. He and his family are very thankful to you for the second chance at life your gift has offered.

Approximately six months from the date of the donation you will receive a letter from us updating you on the final outcome of Allan's tissue donation. Unlike organs recovered for transplantation, tissue is held for several months following its recovery awaiting the results of required tests and a review of the complete donor file by the medical director of the tissue bank which will prepare the gifts of tissue for transplantation. We have found that at six months, some of the tissue will have been released for transplant by the tissue bank and is ready to be, or will already have been transplanted. While this may seem like a long time to wait, we have found that this time period allows us to obtain and share some outcome information with you. Please note that information about the outcome of your gift may take longer for us to share with you in deaths where an autopsy has been requested or the Medical Examiner is involved. In these cases, tissues will not be released for transplantation until the final autopsy report has been received and reviewed by the medical director of the tissue bank.



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Your decision to donate is itself a wonderful gift and tribute to your husband. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. My thoughts and support remain with you.

Warmest regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Erin Macomber". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Erin Macomber  
Aftercare Coordinator  
Donor Family Services